

# *Realignment Options*

The existing U.S. 20/26 roadway alignment is a straight line from I-84 to Eagle Road. Land use in the corridor has a strong influence on a preferred alignment. Therefore, the corridor has been divided into three segments – **East, West and Middle.**

*West Segment, from I-84 to Midland Blvd.*

*East Segment, from future Idaho 16 (McDermott Road vicinity) to Eagle Road*

The east and west ends of the corridor are urban.

- Established and planned urban development exists on both sides of the highway.
- The cities of Caldwell, Meridian and Eagle have been implementing development setbacks on both sides of the highway for future expansion.
- The environmental scan did not identify issues that would justify a major shift of the existing alignment.

**Recommendation: The future highway expansion in the east and west segments will be generally centered on the existing highway.**

*Middle Segment, from future Idaho 16 (McDermott Road vicinity) to Midland Blvd.*

The middle of the corridor is rural, agricultural and relatively undeveloped. Factors influencing an alignment shift in this area include potential impacts to:

- Rural residential and commercial property on both sides of the highway.
- Historic resources and hazardous waste locations.
- 4.5 miles of high-voltage power line on the north side of the highway.
- Parallel canals on both sides of the highway.

**Recommendation: Further analysis of three alignment alternatives is needed to make a decision on the alignment in the middle segment.**

1. Follow existing alignment.
2. Shift alignment to the north.
3. Shift alignment to the south.